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## KING GEORGE FEARS A CIVIL CONFLICT

His Majesty Requests His Officers Not to Resign Posts.

"MAY START MUTINY."

Ulster Army is Busy Moving About the Hills Around Belfast.

Belfast, March 22.—The defection of Army officers is the cause of great jubilation in Ulster and among the officials of the provisional Government, who are keeping in close touch with events at Currah and other military depots in Ireland, through secret correspondence.

The Associated Press tonight was shown a letter which the provisional authorities have received from an officer at Currah station, saying that more than 100 officers had resigned, including all the cavalry officers.

General Arthur Paget, commanding the troops in Ireland, had them paraded and told them, according to the letter that he had "an express order and request from the King himself to ask every officer to go as ordered; that they might never be called on to fight and that if they refused there might be a mutiny in the Army which would mean a revolution in England and in six months there would be no King and no Army."

OFFICERS WILL NOT LISTEN. Despite this appeal all the officers refused to reconsider their resignations. A general officer of high standing in the regular Army was offered the post of commander-in-chief of the force which is to operate against the Ulster volunteers. When he declined the offer the war officer informed him that his refusal meant the severance of his connection with the Army. He persisted, and the authorities offered the post to another officer, said to be a friend of the general now in command at Belfast, who accepted. A denial was issued today of the reported mutiny of the Dorsetshire regiment.

There has been no diminution in the activity of the Ulster Army. Officers of the so-called headquarters staff, on duty at Craigavon, now the center of the Ulster movement, today were busy taking the ranges of the various hills and other strategic points of Belfast Lough, which the estate overlooks.

UNIFORMS DISTRIBUTED.

The military administration will begin the issuance tomorrow of the drab-colored field uniforms to a special service corps of 4,000 men, especially organized, as mobile striking force for the first attack, in event of hostilities. A sufficient number of motor cars are available to transport at least 2,000 men with rifles and ammunition from Belfast to any threatened point in Ulster in three hours.

Ulster awaits with curiosity the next move of the war officer, pending which the situation remains unchanged. Absolute order prevails in the city. Eighty special service "minute men" on duty at Craigavon, marched to the Presbyterian Church at Belmont early today, taking their hospital corps and ambulance men, even the surgeons but leaving 50 men behind to guard the rifles and patrol the estate while the others prayed in the pews behind Sir Edwards Carson and other leaders.

Sir Edward tonight said he had received letters of sympathy and encouragement from the United States. Replying to the statement that the troops movements were purely precautionary in consequence of the discovery of an Ulster plot to raid the military depots he said:

"There never was the least intention to take any provocative or aggressive action, nor will any be taken."

Ill on Stretcher Militant Gives London Talk.

London, March 22.—Sylvia Pankhurst carried on a stretcher and surrounded by about 1,000 members of her East End peoples army, attempted to attend this evening's service in Westminster Abbey, but was unable to gain admittance, as every seat had been taken in view of the fact that last Sunday she announced her intention to be present tonight. The militant suffragette and her followers held an open-air meeting in the street.

The vanguard of the East End contingent was led by a Church of England clergyman Rev. Edmund Willis. Clothed in full vestments, he opened the street meeting with prayer, and after the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers," by the members of the "army," preached a short sermon. Miss Pankhurst delivered an address, exhorting her followers to make England "a real Christian country, so that Westminster Abbey will become a place for the poor as well as for the rich." After the meeting she was removed in an ambulance.

The demonstration was remarkable for the small number of police present and for the religious atmosphere surrounding it. Only occasionally were speakers interrupted by cheering and calls for "social revolution."

## MENINGITIS AT GAFFNEY.

It Appears That First Reports Were Somewhat Exaggerated.

Gaffney Special to Charleston News and Courier March 22.—The reports in regard to the epidemic of meningitis in Gaffney were greatly exaggerated, there being only one death so far. Dr. R. T. Ferguson, president of the local board of health says there are no new cases. The total number so far is four. Dr. LaBruce Ward, an expert, and a representative of the State board of health is on the ground assisting the local physicians and says that he sees no cause for alarm. Dr. Ferguson informed your correspondent this morning that the schools were closed without consulting the board of health and that the situation called for no such drastic action. B. O. Turner is still in a serious condition from the disease, but his condition is more favorable, and there is a chance for his recovery.

## CENSUS REPORT GIVES 14,127,356 BALES

One of the Largest Cotton Crops Grown—Increase Over Former Crops.

Washington, March 20.—One of the largest cotton crops ever grown, amounting to 14,127,356 equivalent 500-pound bales of lint and 639,759 equivalent 500-pound bales of linters, was produced by the farmers of the United States during 1913, the Census Bureau announced today in its preliminary report of cotton grown as reported by farmers and linters to February 28.

These figures compare with 13,703,421 equivalent 500-pound bales of lint and 609,594 bales of linters last year, and 15,692,701 bales of lint and 557,575 bales of linters in 1911.

The Department of Agriculture's estimate announced December 12, placed the 1913 crop at 13,677,000 equivalent 500-pound bales.

With this report the Bureau of Census departed from its previous habit of reporting the cotton crop by not including the quantity of linters in the total production. Director William J. Harris announced this was done because with the installation of modern machinery closer deduction of seed had largely increased the quantity of linters and at the same time lowered the average quality of the lint, so that now only a small part, if any, was used as a substitute for lint cotton.

The number of running bales of lint cotton, counting round and half bales, was 13,964,391, and of linter cotton, 629,019 running bales, compared with 13,488,539 running bales of lint and 602,324 running bales of linters last year, and 15,553,073 running bales of lint and 556,276 running bales of linters in 1911.

South Carolina—Total production, 1,373,700 bales, compared with 1,182,128 in 1912 and 1,648,712 in 1911. Department of Agriculture estimated 1,330,000 bales for 1913.

## WILSON ANSWERS SICK LAD'S PLEA

The President of the United States Soothes Heart of Dying Boy.

Washington, March 23.—A pale, smiling lad of 12 lay on a stretcher in the Blue Room of the White House today and beside him sat the President of the United States. The scene was the sequel to the President's response to the sick lad's plea.

Paralyzed in limb and with strength slowly ebbing, Harry Winthrop Davis of Sewickley, Pa., was the President's caller. He came in a motor ambulance and three hospital attendants bore him into the Blue Room. The President came and chatted for several minutes with the little fellow. Then Harry asked about Mrs. Wilson and left some flowers for her.

The President's eyes were dimmed as he turned away to his day of work and the little boy was carried out on his stretcher.

The visit to the President was arranged after Mrs. Davis, the boy's mother, had written Mrs. Wilson, telling how the boy had been praying to see the President and how she earnestly hoped it might be arranged. She suggested that Harry could be brought to the White House and the President promptly consented.

Hymns VS Tango in New York Cafes.

New York, March 21.—Singing of hymns in opposition to tango music is to be tried tonight by a picked band of the Salvation Army men and women to attract dancers away from their pastime. The crusaders plan to march from one tango restaurant to another in the theater district.

The proprietors of some of the restaurants announced today that guards would hold the door against the crusaders while at two places the proprietors said the singers would be permitted to enter and would be given a respectful hearing if they did not create a disturbance.

Later, it was said, the campaign might be extended to include the afternoon teas where the new dances are popular.

## MOTOR CAR KILLS PRINGLE YOUNG

Richland Legislator Knocked Down in Street.

CLASSMATE OF WILSON.

Harry Davis, Owner Columbia Garage, Held by Police—Inquest and Funeral Monday.

The State, Sunday.

Pringle T. Youmans of the Columbia bar, member of the Richland county delegation in the lower house of the general assembly, was fatally injured about the head last night at about 7:30 o'clock when he was knocked down at Main and Washington streets by an automobile driven by Harry L. Davis, owner of the Columbia garage. Mr. Youmans died a few minutes later in McGregor's drug store, to which he was conveyed in the car which had struck him. An inquest into the circumstances of Mr. Youmans' death will be held by Coroner Scott this morning at 11 o'clock at the McCormick undertaking establishment on Hampton street. Mr. Youmans was 55 years of age. He was married only three weeks ago. In August, to Mrs. May Bronson of Columbia. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 5 o'clock in Trinity church.

Mr. Davis gave himself up immediately to T. A. Heise, deputy sheriff, who took him to police headquarters. There he spent the night. He had a talk during the evening with his attorney, R. H. Welch. Mr. Davis was formerly chauffeur in the police department.

## STATEMENT BY DRIVER.

Last night Mr. Davis said: "Sheriff McCain stores his car at my garage. He telephoned around and asked me if I had a car that I could send Mr. Jack Miller, about three miles out in the country. He told me if I could not get hold of a car to use his car. My car was not in running condition and I took his car. That was at 11 o'clock this morning. I came back to town and went back for Mr. Miller at 15:00 o'clock. This afternoon, I let Mr. Miller out at McGregor's drug store, on Main street, between Lady and Washington streets. I started to my garage. I started off in low gear; then to intermediate and just had gone into high. A back was in the middle of the street and Mr. Youmans walked right out from behind it. I judge that I was going from 10 to 12 miles an hour; not over that. I struck him with my left hand front fender. I threw on the emergency brake just the time I saw him, but I was too close. My car was stopped suddenly. I jumped out and found Mr. Youmans lying under the front axle. I pulled him out from under the car and helped put him in my car. I wanted to take him to the hospital and somebody suggested that I take him to a drug store. I drove to McGregor's drug store. When I struck Mr. Youmans I had just blown my horn."

There were no eyewitnesses to the accident last night, so far as could be learned. Several persons standing on the sidewalk near by were attracted by the noise. Among the first to reach Mr. Youmans were Washington Clark, E. K. McCarthy, Byrd Miller and Jack Young. They removed him from under the front axle of the automobile. Mr. Davis assisted and then drove to McGregor's drug store. The body was later carried to McCormick's undertaking establishment.

"I did not see the automobile strike Mr. Youmans," said Mr. McCarthy, "but I heard the noise when he fell to the pavement."

Officers at the police station said that Mr. Youmans left there just after 7 o'clock last night on the patrol wagon, with W. J. Neal, whose release on bail he had just secured. The driver of the wagon said that Mr. Youmans swung off at the corner of Washington and Main street, just before he was struck, it is presumed.

H. L. Davis is 23 years old. He is married and resides at 910 Board river road. He was formerly employed by the city police department as a driver of the patrol wagon. Later he traveled for a well known automobile company and recently he opened a garage on Taylor street.

Vanderbilt Trustees Sustained by the Court.

Nashville, Tenn., March 1.—The Tennessee Supreme Court today decided the case involving the control of Vanderbilt University by the University board of trustees. The Court held the board of trustees to be a self-perpetuating body.

The court, however, held that the board of trustee's selections are subject to confirmation by general conference or the church's board of education. Under the decision the College of Bishops veto of the acceptance by the board of trustees of Andrew Carnegie's million-dollar gift to the Vanderbilt medical department is without effect.

The court held that Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt and not the Southern Methodist Church was the founder and original patron of Vanderbilt University.

## PRODUCTS OF FARM BY PARCEL POST

Postoffice Department Plans to Reduce Cost of Living.

SAVE FARMER TOWN TRIP.

Believed Direct Relation Between Consumer and Producer Will Lower Costs.

Washington, March 22.—Preliminary steps were taken by the postoffice department today to perfect its plan for reducing the cost of living by having the parcel post carry farm products direct to the door of consumer. Ten cities were selected to begin the work of establishing direct connection between producer and consumer. Postmaster General Burleson has already having issued an order permitting the use of crates and boxes for butter, eggs, poultry, vegetables and fruit shipped by parcel post.

Orders today went to the postmasters at Boston, Atlanta, St. Louis, San Francisco, Baltimore, Detroit, La Crosse, Wis.; Lynn, Mass.; Rock Island, Ill. and Washington, directing them "to receive the names of persons who are willing to supply farm produce in retail quantities by parcel post." Printed lists of these names will be distributed among town and city patrons.

"By the use of the lists," said First Assistant Postmaster General Roper today, "the city consumer can get in touch with a farmer who will fill his weekly orders for farm produce. The consumer will receive the product fresh from the country, and the personal relationship established, no doubt, will tend to improve the quality. The farmer will be relieved of carrying his produce to market, as the rural carrier will make daily collections at the farmer's own door, of the retail shipments to city consumers."

## RETURN OF HAMPER.

"The point has been raised that difficulty will be experienced in the return of hampers and other containers. This problem does not appear to me to be as serious as the farmer may think. Inexpensive hampers, whose value would not warrant their return, or he may use higher grade hampers, for which he may include an additional charge to be credited to the consumer on the return of the hamper by parcels post."

"The Postmaster General is convinced that this plan is the one thing necessary to enable the people of this country to enjoy the potential benefits of the parcel post. No one ever has questioned the possibility of reducing the cost of living by establishing direct relations between the consumer and the original producer. A complete means for such direct transportation was provided for the time by the establishment of the domestic parcel post, but there has been lacking an agency by means of which the individual producer could get in touch with the individual consumer."

The Postmaster General's plan designated to provide this agency for the most economical distribution of these products which are consigned in the form or condition in which they are produced."

Leo Frank's Attorneys go to New York For Witnesses.

Atlanta, Ga., March 22.—Representatives of the defense in the case of Leo M. Frank, superintendent of the National Pencil Company, under sentence of death for the murder here of Mary Phagan, the 14-year-old factory employe have gone to New York in connection with efforts being made to obtain a new trial for the convicted man. This was made known here today.

H. F. Becker, formerly connected with the pencil company here and Nina Formby, also formerly of Atlanta, both of whom are now in New York, have made statements which the defense believes may be an aid to efforts to obtain a new trial. Mrs. Formby in an affidavit swears that detectives coerced her to charge to a false story against Frank.

The Rev. Fred A. Line pastor of the First Universalist Church here today spoke from the pulpit in favor of a new trial for Frank, on the ground that public sentiment was so inflamed at the time of Frank's trial that a fair hearing for the accused man was impossible.

We Will Yet Receive calls from Jack Frost.

Washington, March 22.—A gradual return this week to normal Spring temperatures, with generally fair skies, was predicted by the Weather Bureau tonight for all parts of the country East of the Rocky Mountains. "There will be frost the first part of the week, however," said the bulletin. "In the East Gulf and South Atlantic States, except Southern Florida."

"There is nothing to indicate marked storm activity over the country. A disturbance of moderate intensity will appear in the Northwest Wednesday or Thursday, cross the Middle West about Friday and the Eastern States near the end of the week; this disturbance will be attended by local areas of precipitation and be followed by a change to cooler weather in the Northern States."

## CASTRO FOUND IN SPAIN.

Former Dictator of Venezuela is Hiding in Trinidad.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, March 21.—Gen. Cipriano Castro, former dictator of Venezuela, whose whereabouts had been unknown for several months, was discovered here today. Detectives last night raided a hotel occupied almost solely by Venezuelans and found there 40,000 rounds of ammunition and a few revolvers. This discovery led to a further raid early today. The police proceeded to a house which had been occupied for several months by Gen. Carmelo Castro, a brother of the former President. Armed with a search warrant they went over the place. Among the effects of the occupants they found only one revolver and a few cartridges.

On entering one of the rooms, however, they found it occupied by Gen. Cipriano Castro himself. The one-time dictator was extremely indignant over the procedure of the police, whose methods he denounced.

It was stated that Sir George Lee Hunte, the Governor, cabled to London today for instructions regarding Castro. The police disclaim any intention of interfering with the general's liberty but among the Venezuelan residents there is excitement over possible developments.

## OFFICERS NAMED FOR CANAL ZONE

Goethals Chief of Operation and Maintenance—Hodges is Engineer.

Washington, March 20.—Officers to have charge of departments of the Panama canal were today announced as follows:

Governor and chief of the department of operation and maintenance, Col. George W. Goethals; engineer of maintenance, Col. Harry P. Hodges, army engineer; superintendent of transportation, Capt. Hugh Rodman, U. S. N.; electrical engineer, Capt. W. H. Rose, army engineer; captain for the terminal ports, commander D. E. Dismukes and Lieut. Commander Henry V. Butler, U. S. N.; superintendent of shops and dry docks, Naval Constructor D. C. Nutting; general purchasing officer, Maj. F. C. Boggs, army engineer; chief quartermaster, Capt. R. E. Wood, United States cavalry temporarily pending reorganization of the supply department; auditor, H. A. Asmuth; assistant, B. F. Harrah; chief health officer, Lieut. Col. Charles F. Mason, medical corps, U. S. A.; superintendent of hospitals, Lieut. Col. George D. Deshon, medical corps, U. S. A.; chief officer of the quarantine division, passed Assistant Surgeon Marshall C. Guthrie, United States bureau of public health; executive secretary, C. C. McIlvane.

## NEW COTTON FUTURE BILL.

Senator Smith Introduces Substitute Measure.

Washington, Special to Columbia State March 20.—Senator E. D. Smith today introduced a substitute for his cotton futures bill. The essential difference is that the original bill denies the use of the telephone and telegraph to the banned contracts in futures, while the substitute, framed after consultation with the best legal authorities, contents itself with denying the use of the mails. It was feared that the first bill might be unconstitutional. The new bill is as follows:

A bill to regulate trading in cotton futures and provide for the standardization of "upland" and "Gulf" cottons separately.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled: That no person, firm, joint-stock company, society, association or corporation, their managers or officers, who are members of any exchange, society, corporation or association in which or through which any contract or contracts for the future delivery of cotton are made shall send or receive through the United States mail any letter, document, pamphlet or other matter unless such exchange, society, corporation or association shall require all such contracts for future delivery of cotton to specify the grade or grades contracted for in each and every contract; and shall further specify that such grade as is, or grades as are, contracted for shall be according to United States Government standardization. And it shall be the duty of the Secretary of Agriculture to standardize the grades of "upland" and "Gulf" cottons separately; and such grades as are established for both "upland" and "Gulf" cottons shall not include cotton below good ordinary or above middling fair. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of Agriculture also to standardize according to grades, stains and tinges.

Section 2. That in case long staple cottons are bought or sold for future delivery the length of the staple shall be designated in the contract and the cotton shall be, when delivered as of the grade and length of staple designated in the contract.

Section 3. Whoever shall send or receive any letter, paper publication or packages, or matter of any kind, through the mails of the United States contrary to the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$5,000, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both such fine or imprisonment.

## ANDERSON COLLEGE LETS PROF. HAND GO

Executive Committee Grans Request of State Inspector.

STAYS WITH HIGH SCHOOLS

Much Pressure Brought to Bear to Obtain Release From College Presidency.

Anderson Special to Columbia State March 21.—At a special meeting of the local members of the executive committee of Anderson College late this afternoon the petition of Prof. W. H. Hand to be released from his contract to serve as president of Anderson College was unanimously granted. While only the local members of the executive committee were present the votes of practically all the other members of the board were in hand, and were recorded as favoring his release.

It will be recalled that some days ago a committee of educators came to Anderson to request Prof. Hand's release, stating at the time that they were acting entirely on their own initiative and not at the suggestion of Prof. Hand. After a discussion with his committee the local representative of the Anderson board felt that they had convinced these visitors that their request ought not to be granted, both because of the superior claims of Anderson College and because of the great importance of its work.

Later on Prof. Hand himself asked for an interview with the local members of the executive committee, and at this interview, which was held on Thursday night of last week, he stated that he had decided to ask for his release, and gave in full his reasons for so doing. However, after going over the matter with the committee, he decided to withhold his application for release for further consideration, but on last Monday morning the chairman of the board received his formal written request for the same. A letter was prepared and sent to the out-of-town members of the board fully explaining the situation, and they were asked to record their votes by telegram. The result was presented to the meeting this afternoon with the result stated above.

Among the reasons assigned by Prof. Hand for desiring his release were the following:

At the time of his acceptance of the presidency of the College it had been announced that the funds for continuing his present work would be with drawn at the end of the present session. Since then he has been assured that these funds will be available, not only for another year, but for several years to come.

OUTSIDE PRESSURE.

He has received numerous letters from educators within and without the State arguing that it would be very detrimental to the progress of the construction work in which he has been engaged for him to lay it down at this time. The writers of these letters all were of the opinion that his present work was the most important single piece of constructive work for education that is now being done in the State.

The pressure was so great that Prof. Hand became convinced that he ought to ask for his release in order to further conduct this work. He stated to the board that he felt that the work he is now engaged in was so important to all the colleges of the State, as well as to high schools, that Anderson College would suffer greatly along with other colleges if he should abandon his present work.

In addition to this Prof. Hand urged that his lack of experience in college work made him fearful of undertaking the duties of organizing and conducting the College along the ideals of a standard of the high grade of Anderson College.

In preferring his request Prof. Hand stated his desire to be of continued permanent service to Anderson College and of his desire to aid to the extent of his ability in the future.

In the face of this request, and with the reasons assigned, the board felt that it could not do otherwise than grant the petition.

300 Massacred in A Chinese Town by Ruthless Bandits.

Peking, March 22.—Outrage by brigands in Central China are assuming alarming proportions. Several bands associated with the notorious outlaw White Wolf are ravaging various parts of the country, ruthlessly murdering and robbing the people and burning their property.

The latest bandit exploit was the massacre of 300 townsfolk who resisted their entrance into an important market town in the province of Hupeh. Most of the town was burned and the population ruined financially. On the occasion of the recent sacking of Kingtzokwan, province of Honan, the local troops made no effort to resist the brigands. The troops were commanded by a general, formerly a noted brigand chief. The Government is unable to deal with the situation and there is every prospect of further development of brigandage.

The revolutionary element is still strong throughout the country. Arrests and executions are frequent. The entire Northern army soon will be employed in the suppression of brigandage.